

In the Claims:

~~Please CANCEL claims 1-4~~

~~Please MODIFY this section as follows:~~

~~"What I claim as my invention is an improvement for a paintball gun barrel (or like device) that will remove and clear paintball debris and contents associated with the rupturing of a paintball, or a paintball-like projectile, from the firing path of subsequent projectiles, comprising:"~~

~~with:~~

~~I, the inventor, claim:~~

~~5. (NEW) A paintball gun barrel modification comprising of:~~

- ~~A. a plurality of openings that are machined, cast, molded or otherwise incorporated in and that are spaced at about the circumference of an enclosed elongated barrel assembly; and that are located in the projectile path and sized to limit the exhausting of gas associated with the discharge of the weapon and to allow for the expelling of the skin and internal material of a ruptured paintball.~~

~~Whereby the cleaning of the barrel after a paintball ruptures is accomplished by discharging the weapon in normal game play, which causes the CO2 blast to evacuate the debris through the openings.~~

~~6. (NEW) A paintball gun barrel modification comprising of:~~

- ~~A. a plurality of openings that are machined, cast, molded or otherwise incorporated in and that are spaced at about the circumference of an enclosed elongated barrel assembly; and that are located in the projectile path and sized to accommodate a substantial portion of the skin and internal material of a ruptured paintball, and~~
~~B. a cover device or mechanism that enclose said openings under normal operating conditions, hindering the escape of gases and in the event a paint ball ruptures the paintball materials themselves.~~

~~7. (NEW) Said Paintball gun barrel modification of claim #6 wherein said cover is held in place during game play by a o ring or other hardware as to not allow for unintentional movement of the device or mechanism.~~

~~Whereby the player may increase game time by clearing the ruptured paintball skin and inner material at his/her convenience with no greater noise level than would be associated with an unmodified barrel.~~

Please cancel without prejudice Claims 1 - 24.

Claims 1 - 24 (canceled)

Please add Claims 25 - 44.

25. (new) A modification of a barrel for a paintball gun, comprising:

at least one cleanout opening being formed in said barrel, said at least one cleanout opening being large enough to allow a portion of a paintball skin to be removed from said barrel; and

at least one cleanout cover being movably engaged with said barrel, said at least one cleanout cover covering said at least one cleanout opening in a firing position, said cleanout cover providing access to said at least one cleanout opening in a cleaning position.

26. (new) The modification of a barrel for a paintball gun of claim 25, wherein:

said at least one cleanout cover being slidably engaged with said barrel.

27. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 25, wherein:

said at least one cleanout cover having at least one access opening formed therethrough, said at least one cleanout cover being rotatably engaged with said barrel.

28. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 25, wherein:

said at least one cleanout cover being pivotally engaged with said barrel, each one of said at least one cleanout cover covering one of said at least one cleanout opening.

29. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 25, wherein:

a slight resistance being overcome to move each one of said at least one cleanout cover relative to said barrel.

30. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 25, wherein:

each one of said at least one cleanout opening having one of the shape of a slot and a shape of a hole.

31. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 25, wherein:

said at least one cleanout opening being arranged in one of a series opening pattern and a multiple opening pattern.

32. (new) A modification of a barrel for a paintball gun, comprising:

at least one cleanout opening being formed in said barrel, said at least one cleanout opening being large enough to allow a portion of a paintball skin to be removed from said barrel; and

at least one cleanout cover being movably engaged with an outside perimeter of said barrel, said at least one cleanout cover covering said at least one cleanout opening in a firing position, said cleanout cover providing access to said at least one cleanout opening in a cleaning position, overcoming a slight resistance to move each one of said at least one cleanout cover relative to said barrel.

33. (new) The modification of a barrel for a paintball gun of claim 32, wherein:

said at least one cleanout cover being slidably engaged with said barrel.

34. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 32, wherein:

said at least one cleanout cover having at least one access opening formed therethrough, said at least one cleanout cover being rotatably engaged with said barrel.

35. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 32, wherein:

said at least one cleanout cover being pivotally engaged with said barrel, each one of said at least one cleanout cover covering one of said at least one cleanout opening.

36. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 32, wherein:

a slight resistance being overcome to move each one of said at least one cleanout cover relative to said barrel.

37. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 32, wherein:

each one of said at least one cleanout opening having one of the shape of a slot and a shape of a hole.

38. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 32, wherein:

said at least one cleanout opening being arranged in one of a series opening pattern and a multiple opening pattern.

39. (new) A modification of a barrel for a paintball gun, comprising:

at least one cleanout opening being formed in said barrel, said at least one cleanout opening being large enough to allow a portion of a paintball skin to be removed from said barrel; and

at least one cleanout cover being movably engaged with an outside perimeter of said barrel, said at least one cleanout cover covering said at least one cleanout opening in a firing position, said cleanout cover providing access to said at least one cleanout opening in a cleaning position.

40. (new) The modification of a barrel for a paintball gun of claim 39, wherein:

said at least one cleanout cover being slidably engaged with said barrel.

41. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 39, wherein:

said at least one cleanout cover having at least one access opening formed therethrough, said at least one cleanout cover being rotatably engaged with said barrel.

42. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 39, wherein:

said at least one cleanout cover being pivotally engaged with said barrel, each one of said at least one cleanout cover covering one of said at least one cleanout opening.

43. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 39, wherein:

each one of said at least one cleanout opening having one of the shape of a slot and a shape of a hole.

44. (new) The modification of a barrel for a gas powered paintball gun of claim 39, wherein:

said at least one cleanout opening being arraigned in one of a series opening pattern and a multiple opening pattern.